

THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.
FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, April 8, 1858.
SENATE.
The bill reported by the special committee appointed to consider the expediency of constructing a railroad from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic, was called up by Mr. Gwin, who explained at length the various provisions of the measure, and endorsed the necessity of its adoption by Congress. He stated that the route of the competing routes by which this great enterprise might be attempted, and remarked on the importance of the subject to the United States as to the people of California. The further consideration of the subject being postponed till Monday next.

Mr. Hunter called up the bill making appropriations for the purchase and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30th, 1859, which was briefly considered by the Senate, and postponed.

Mr. Johnson called up the bill for the presentation of a gold medal to Com. Paul Jones, for his gallant conduct in effecting the capture of the *Alabama*, and in connection with the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations upon the same subject, being brought before the Senate.

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The Duke of Wellington and Devonshire have been elected members of the House of Commons. Lord Malmesbury has inaugurated his reign at the Foreign Office by the following important measures:—
Lord A. Loftis, secretary of legation at Berlin, will succeed Sir Hamilton Seymour at St. Petersburg.
Sir J. Crampton, minister at Hanover, and late minister to the United States, will succeed Lord Woodhouse at St. Petersburg.
Mr. Elliot, secretary of legation at Vienna, will succeed Mr. Bunsen at Copenhagen.
Mr. Howard, secretary of the embassy at Paris, will succeed Lord Normanby as minister at Florence.
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The Times, in a leading article, expresses its gratification at the removal of Lord Normanby from Florence, but complains of the appointment of Mr. Howard. With this exception, it says that the appointments are well calculated to acknowledge the claims of long service and experience.

The *Paris Constitutionnel* of the 25th ult. has an article in large type on the alliance between France and England. "Most friendly sentiments are expressed throughout. It says that the alliance between France and England, as a living memorial of common glory and common peril, and that the Emperor Napoleon III. has no other object in view than to preserve the peace and the honor of France, and to prevent it from being flattered by the Queen and English people."

The *Paris Bourse* on the 25th exhibited an animation to which it had been for some time a stranger, and a rise in the funds assumed a decided character.

The Interior had ordered all the artillery in the several towns of France to be dismantled and deposited in the arsenals, and that the arms should be placed in the hands of the Government. The British Government has refused to submit to the treaty for the disarmament of the British troops in the Crimea, and that the arms should be placed in the hands of the Government.

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